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1. I informed Miss Adams, of Senator McCarran's office, that we had received information that [] was complaining because someone from CIA had informed the McCarran Committee that CIA did not have a very high opinion of [] ability and recommended against the Committee utilizing his services. I pointed out to Miss Adams how serious a leak of this nature could be and the effect it might have on relationships between CIA and the McCarran Committees. She is undertaking to ascertain the source of the leak and to take steps to make certain these occurrences do not continue.

2. Mr. Berger, MSA, called to inform me that the House Foreign Affairs Committee planned to make no change in the Kersten amendment as approved in the 1951 Mutual Security Act. They also plan to reduce the propaganda of the "residing in" clause by a restatement of legislative intent in the Committee report. Mr. Berger stated that as far as they knew Congressman Kersten is proposing to move on the Floor to include a Kersten amendment on the Far Eastern section of the law. He therefore requested that I bring this to Mr. Dulles' attention with the thought that Mr. Dulles might wish to discuss the matter with Cong. Vorys. I talked with Mr. Dulles about this, but he was disinclined to get into the matter, particularly as the Defense Department was adamant in opposing further expenditures for Mutual Security for reception and resettlement purposes and because Mr. Vorys had been the major opponent of this program. Furthermore, Mr. Dulles felt that if the Kersten amendment was left untouched (although CIA had opposed this) then it might be best to have identical language on the Far Eastern side so that Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky could not make propaganda from any change of language. I further suggested informally to Mr. Tannenwald, Assistant MSA Director, that the Committee might wish to accept a Kersten amendment on the Far East in exchange for an agreement that Kersten would not debate certain phases of this matter on the Floor.